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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: JOSEPH TRACY ET AL. )  
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Continuing Prosecution Application of )  
Serial No. 09/339,076 )  
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Filed: June 23, 1999 )  
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Title: METHOD OF PLAYING A )  
GROUP PARTICIPATION GAME )

Attorney Docket No. VDLT.66937

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Examiner: Carmen D. White

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed with the newly filed Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) filed herewith and responds to an Office Action dated February 27, 2001 in the parent case, and the interview with Examiner Carmen D. White and Primary Examiner Mike O'Neill on April 17, 2001. Applicants respectfully request the following changes be made to the CPA. In attendance at the interview were Applicants Joseph Tracy and Mark Meyer, along with Applicant's attorney William B. Kircher. Applicants wish to express their sincere appreciation to both Examiners White and O'Neill for the time, the courteous interview and the feedback which will hopefully accelerate the successful prosecution of this application.

Replacement claims and a version with markings to show changes made are attached hereto.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 41-44 have been added to the present application. Accordingly, claims 41-44 remain pending. Applicants hereby